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Ms. Renata B. Hesse  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
601 D Street NW  
Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Proposed Microsoft Settlement Agreement

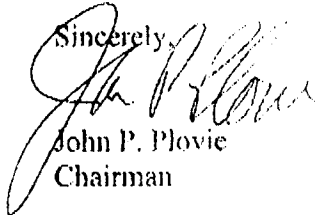
Dear Ms. Hesse:

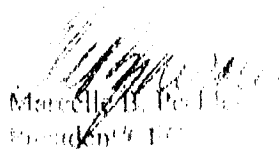
Redmond is proud and honored to be the home of Microsoft, a source of American entrepreneurship. The success stories of its founders and employees are encouragement and example to thousands of other entrepreneurs. The company, which has nearly 15,000 employees in Redmond, also plays an important role in our community by providing family-wage jobs, sponsoring community events, and contributing talent and resources to non-profit organizations. If Microsoft fully creates five additional jobs,

The company makes good products in high demand by both consumers and businesses.

The Greater Redmond Chamber of Commerce believes that the proposed provisions of the settlement will be good for consumers, businesses, the technology industry and the economy as a whole. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we express our full support of the Department of Justice and the nine Attorneys General for their efforts to finally put an end to this case and agree to a settlement that is in our nation's best interest.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Plovie  
Chairman

  
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President